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## Letter dated 12 April 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 1 January and 8 March 2001, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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## Annex to the letter dated 12 April 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

## Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 1 January-8 March 2001

1. **1 January 2001**

Between 1800 hours and 0200 hours on 2 January and during the night of 2/3 January the Iranians fired shots from their intelligence post at Hashimiyah on the bank of the Karun river inside their own territory.

2. **3 January 2001**

At 1600 hours information was received that there was an Iranian boat moored to the south of the customs control point at 280048 east longitude and 250599 north latitude (map of Faw). The boat was seized, and there were found to be five Iranian nationals on board and 95 head of sheep. Those concerned confessed that it had been their intention to smuggle the sheep from Abadan to Kuwait.

3. **8 January 2001**

An Iranian excavator worked on improving the dirt road running opposite the Iranian outposts at coordinates 5492. At 1300 hours on 9 January the Iranians built two free-standing huts at coordinates 545923, opposite Iraq's Tahrir outpost.

4. **12 January 2001**

At 0900 hours an Iranian boat opened fire on the Iraqi launch *Sindibad* in the old headland area of Faw, causing serious damage.

5. **12 January 2001**

At 0900 hours an Iranian boat opened fire on the Iraqi launch *Sindibad* in the old headland area of Faw, causing serious damage but no casualties.

6. **13 January 2001**

At 1330 hours the Iraqi businessman Hasan Ni`mah went out in a boat owned by a certain Sami Isma`il with two divers in order to retrieve the anchor belonging to pontoon No. 314/Basrah, which had earlier been lost in the Shatt al-Arab near the Ma`amir jetty in the Faw sector. At 1500 hours, when the group had reached the area in question and as the divers were donning their diving suits, the Iranians opened fire on them. The aforesaid businessman was shot and killed, and the survivors withdrew to the Iraqi side. The murdered businessman remained on board the boat.

7. **14 January 2001**

At 0830 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work on strengthening the barrage at coordinates 5640.

**8. 14 January 2001**

At 0830 hours an Iranian engineering unit was seen at coordinates 5655.

**9. 18 January 2001**

At 1000 hours an Iranian engineering unit was seen working at coordinates 5655, and the work continued until 19 January.

**10. 18 January 2001**

At 0730 hours Iraqi launch No. 50407 was fishing offshore when it was seized together with its crew and taken into Iranian territory.

**11. 18 January 2001**

At 0900 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, two pick-up trucks and nine Iranian soldiers was seen at coordinates 5658. Work stopped at 1600 hours.

**12. 19 January 2001**

At 1200 hours the Iranians placed one soldier in each of the old metal observation posts between the Muhammarah area at coordinates 282688 and the Abadan area at coordinates 365592. At 1800 hours each of the posts was reinforced with one more soldier. At 0700 hours one soldier was withdrawn from each post, leaving one behind. The soldiers were delivered to the posts in a red boat with a 55-horse-power motor.

**13. 20-23 January 2001**

The Iranian engineering unit at coordinates 5658 continued its work and built a berm some two kilometres long from coordinates 562584 along the embankment towards the Iranian rear.

**14. 20-23 January 2001**

The Iranian engineering unit continued its work at coordinates 562554.

**15. 21 January 2001**

(a) At 1300 hours a group of persons carrying tarpaulins began work at coordinates 5150 in the Fakkah area.

(b) The Iranian side continued to keep the Shatt al-Arab forward observation posts manned night and day, with two men in each one.

(c) The Iranians stepped up their daily patrols on the eastern side of the Shatt al-Arab, especially during daylight hours.

(d) The Iranians opened fire intermittently and indiscriminately in various areas of the Shatt al-Arab sector.

**16. 21 January 2001**

At 1130 hours the Iranians established new observation posts in the Khusrawi area, as follows: two at coordinates 4603; and three at coordinates 4307.

**17. 21 January 2001**

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of two road rollers began working at coordinates 5398 on the dirt road from the Tankab outpost to the Tabah Haras outpost and the Khan Layl outpost off the border road running inside Iranian territory.

**18. 22 January 2001**

At 1700 hours the Iranians committed a violation against the Iraqi tanker *Al-Khalidah* from the Iranian inspection point in the Shatt al-Arab at 29557 north latitude and 48374 east longitude. They halted the tanker under threat and by force of arms and forced it to drop anchor. The tanker had been leaving the Abu Fulus terminal for the Khawr al-Zubayr terminal.

**19. 23 January 2001**

The Iranian engineering unit continued work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 150790. Seven persons were at work.

**20. 28 January-3 February 2001**

An Iranian engineering unit began work in the Khurnubiyah area at coordinates 1575 and 9773. There were four persons working with three dumpers and two graders.

**21. 24 January 2001**

Three Iranian helicopters flew in and landed in the area opposite Wadi Jankul at coordinates 3543. They then returned to the Iranian rear.

**22. 24 January 2001**

Between 1100 and 2110 hours the Iranians at coordinates 4307 fired 10 120-mm mortar rounds at Iraqi units.

**23. 25 January 2001**

At 0915 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen circling inside Iranian territory at coordinates 4835. At 1022 hours it returned to the Iranian rear.

**24. 25 January 2001**

At 1040 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen opposite Wadi Miran at coordinates 81112. It then flew towards the mountain chain inside Iranian territory.

**25. 29 January 2001**

At 1530 hours an Iranian military helicopter was seen inside Iranian airspace at an altitude of 2,000 metres manoeuvring from Abadan at coordinates 371592 to coordinates 431529 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). At 1555 hours it left in the direction of the Iranian rear.

**26. 29 January 2001**

At 0700 hours the Iranians opened a military post manned by two soldiers armed with GC and PKT weapons opposite the Fada'iyah area at coordinates 519402 (1:100,000 map of Saybah).

**27. 29 January 2001**

At 0900 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of three persons in military attire was seen opposite the Wasiliyah area at coordinates 424540 (1:100,000 map of Saybah) engaged in opening a dirt track towards the Shatit river with an excavator.

**28. 29 January 2001**

At 1505 hours an Iranian military helicopter was seen manoeuvring from the Karun river at coordinates 285694 to coordinates 230723 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). At 1530 hours it returned towards the Iranian rear flying at an altitude of 500 metres.

**29. 30 January 2001**

At 2230 hours a Comorian ship with a Sri Lankan crew and an Iraqi master, namely Kazim Hayyawi Jijan, was passing some 15 nautical miles off the Iranian coast when it was subjected to an act of piracy by a grey-coloured Iranian boat with a group of persons on board of whom three were armed civilians who turned out to be members of the Iranian border force. One of them boarded the ship and asserted that it had crossed the recognized maritime boundary extending to 20 nautical miles offshore. They ordered the ship's crew to proceed to the port of Bushehr. Following negotiations, they demanded 200 United States dollars and 60 United Arab Emirates dirhams. After their departure, the master and crew of the ship found that some foodstuffs and the watches of some of the seamen were missing.

**30. 31 January 2001**

At 1200 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen at coordinates 7420 at an altitude of 750 to 1,000 metres over the Iraq-Iran boundary. At 1430 hours it returned to the Iranian rear.

**31. 31 January 2001**

At 1130 hours seven military Land Cruiser vehicles came from inside Iranian territory and halted at the Khusrawi post at coordinates 4304. Twenty persons, both civilians and soldiers and one of them of senior rank, alighted from the vehicles and carried out observations of the Mundhiriyah sector. At 2000 hours they left in the direction of the Iranian rear.

**32. 2 February 2001**

At 1100 hours a group of Iranian soldiers proceeded to dig positions to the left of Iran's Maysan Tanak outpost at coordinates 5641 (1:100,000 map of Mandali). There are 10 of them, and the work is still under way.

**33. 3 February 2001**

At 1600 hours a military Santana vehicle carrying a 106-mm gun came from the Iranian rear towards the Iranian post at coordinates 1675 (Khurnubiyah). It left the gun at the post and returned to the Iranian rear.

**34. 3 February 2001**

At 1100 hours an Iranian intelligence launch was seen coming from the Karun river with some 20 persons, men and women in civilian attire, on board. It was escorted by a blue Iranian patrol boat with a 48-horse-power motor. At 1315 hours the launch moored in Abadan harbour.

**35. 3 February 2001**

At 1200 hours four soldiers dug a personnel position near the burial ground and 1,000 metres to the left of the Khusrawi complex near the boundary at coordinates 4306 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin).

**36. 5 February 2001**

At 1700 hours an Iranian military Land Cruiser vehicle carrying one officer and four other ranks arrived at a point opposite the Arafat outpost at coordinates 9964 (1:100,000 map of Zurbatiyah).

**37. 5 February 2001**

At 1200 hours an Iranian engineering unit was observed surveying a project and erecting electricity poles along the road on Hajj Salbukh Island at coordinates 335580, two kilometres from the eastern shore of the Shatt al-Arab (1:100,000 map of Saybah). Work continued night and day.

**38. 5 February 2001**

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit was seen spreading ballast along the road running parallel to the Khayyin river on the Iranian side at coordinates 9773. The plant used included a grader, two road rollers and three dumpers, and there was a small saloon car with five persons.

**39. 5 February 2001**

On 14 February 2001 the launch *Al-Bayan* (No. 5439/Basrah), with its master Imad Sabah Hanzal and 11 seamen on board, had gone out to fish when its motor broke down near the "Frigate" area inside Iraqi territorial waters. Two Iranian boats manned by persons in military attire armed with light and medium weapons intercepted and searched the launch. All official documents belonging to the seamen were taken, and the boat was escorted to Iran's Khawr Musa. All of the fish, a television set and video cassette recorder, a compass and a water gauge were

confiscated. Depositions were taken from the seamen and they were held until 19 February.

**40. 6 February 2001**

At 1200 hours the Iranians brought in construction materials in order to rebuild the Iranian outpost at coordinates 8705 (1:100,000 map of Badrah), but building work has yet to begin.

**41. 6 February 2001**

A group of Iranian military personnel dug positions in the Abadan area along the berm running parallel to the eastern shore of the Shatt al-Arab at coordinates 424540 (1:100,000 map of Saybah).

**42. 6 February 2001**

At 1400 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen flying in various directions seven kilometres inside Iranian territory opposite the Za`faran area.

**43. 7 February 2001**

At 0930 hours some of the Iranian posts opposite Ra's al-Bayshah at coordinates 6515 (1:100,000 map of Mina' al-Bakr) opened fire indiscriminately at areas inside Iranian territory. At 0945 hours the shooting stopped.

**44. 7 February 2001**

Hasan Jasim Salih, master of tender No. 22/Basrah, and his six-man crew, all of whom had been held by the Iranian authorities since 5 September 2000, returned to Iraq. They claimed that violations had been committed against them by the Iranian authorities. They were released on 6 February, but the tender itself is still being held in the Bandar Khomeini area after its cargo was unloaded by the regime's authorities. They stated that they had seen the Iraqi tugboats that are being held, *Jalajil* and *Rishan*, as well as four Iraqi pontoons.

**45. 8 February 2001**

At 0900 hours a group of Iranian vehicles (some buses and a small saloon car) were seen bringing a group of people to visit the Iranian memorial opposite Faw city at coordinates 370216. During the visit, speeches were made and there were readings from the Koran over loudspeaker. At 1400 hours they withdrew towards the Iranian rear.

**46. 9 February 2001**

At 0830 hours the Iranians brought down 10 motor-less boats from Abadan port to the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab. At 1400 hours on 15 February, 48-horse-power Yamaha motors were mounted in two of the boats, which were then used for a patrol.

**47. 9 February 2001**

At 2055 hours an Iranian helicopter came from the Iranian rear flying inside Iranian airspace. It came within a distance of three kilometres of the boundary embankment at coordinates 6053 (1:100,000 map of Baydah). It then returned in the direction from which it had come.

**48. 9 February 2001**

At 1230 hours some 8 to 10 Iranians in military attire set an ambush inside our national territory in the area between Zabinah Shushari and the Sa'd outpost. They opened fire on the men assigned to deliver food, and PFC Abd al-Husayn Jasim Sultan was killed and another soldier was shot in the right thigh. Their weapons (Kalashnikov assault rifles) were seized.

**49. 10 February 2001**

At 1945 hours the Iranians fired eight 107-mm artillery shells that impacted to the east of Mu'alla village in Qazaniyah district, 8 to 10 kilometres inside our national territory.

**50. 12 February 2001**

At 2000 hours the Iranians bombarded our units at coordinates 2976 and 3077 with four 120-mm mortar rounds.

**51. 13 February 2001**

At 1920 hours the Iranians bombarded our units at coordinates 2886 with five 81-mm mortar rounds.

**52. 15 February 2001**

At 0900 hours an Iranian engineering unit was observed at the site of the memorial opposite Faw city at coordinates 370216 (1:100,000 map of Faw) levelling the embankment around the monument. The unit consists of two excavators and a grader.

**53. 15 February 2001**

At 0900 hours the Iranians manned the forward observation posts on Hajj Salbukh Island along the Shatt al-Arab at coordinates 305610, placing two soldiers in each post to be reinforced by a third at night. The soldiers were delivered to the posts by an Iranian patrol boat with a 200-horse-power Yamaha motor.

**54. 5-17 February 2001**

At 0730 hours the Iranian engineering unit resumed work beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 1579 (Khurnubiyah). Nine persons were at work, and there was a small saloon car there.

**55. 17 February 2001**

At 1930 hours the Iranians fired two 120-mm mortar rounds at our units at coordinates 2878.

**56. 20 February 2001**

At 2100 hours the Iranians fired several light-weapons rounds into the wadis at coordinates 8714 (1:100,000 map of Mandali) in the direction of our national territory.

**57. 22 February 2001**

At 1130 hours an Iranian engineering unit was seen salvaging a submerged metal pontoon near the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab opposite the Mutawwa`ah area at coordinates 3065 (1:100,000 map of Saybah).

**58. 22 February 2001**

At 1000 hours a group of Iranians was observed building border outposts on the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab on Hajj Salbukh Island at coordinates 308624 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). Work is still under way.

**59. 22-26 February 2001**

The Iranians were working beyond the Iranian burial ground at coordinates 150790. There were 8 to 10 persons with a dump truck and a grader.

**60. 24 February 2001**

At 1200 hours the Iranians abducted PFC Mahmud Shakir Husayn al-Ju`aybawi in Wadi Barrad at coordinates 8705 as he was returning to his unit along the border road.

**61. 8 March 2001**

At 0100 hours a civilian, Yasin Tahir Ujayl was asleep in his wooden boat ready to go fishing in the Shatt al-Arab with Abd al-Rahim Radi and Jawad Kazim Muhammad when he was hit in the neck by one of the rounds constantly being fired at the Iraqi side by the Iranian regime.